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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMR, AO, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 60 (MAY 16, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 60TH MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS

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FROM LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 150900Z MAY 77.

NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS  
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:

A. DDN RECEIVED A REPORT THAT TWO DAYS BEFORE KASAJI WAS RE-

OCCUPIED, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF HOSTILE TROOPS WERE SEEN MOVING NORTH FROM KASAJI TOWARD NASONI (1003S/2330E).

B. HOSTILE FORCES RADIO MESSAGES MONITORED BY FAZ ARE REPORTED TO HAVE MENTIONED COUNTER-ATTACK PLANS AGAINST KASAJI. NO DATE HAS BEEN REVEALED, BUT SUPPOSEDLY IF THE COUNTERATTACK DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, HOSTILE FORCES WILL REVERT TO GUERRILLA WARFARE. HOSTILE FORCES ALSO REPORTEDLY MENTIONED THE NEED TO EMPLOY A "NEW" TEAM FOR SOME SPECIAL WEAPON USED AGAINST AIRCRAFT. COMMENT: A BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER AT DDN SPECULATED THIS COULD BE A REFERENCE TO SA-7S.

C. HOSTILE FORCES AT KAPANGA ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN HEARD ASKING FOR REINFORCEMENTS, BUT THEY WERE TOLD NONE WOULD BE PROVIDED AS ALL AVAILABLE TROOPS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE COUNTERATTACK AGAINST KASAJI.

D. ANOTHER HOSTILE MESSAGE REPORTEDLY NOTED DIFFICULTY IN DESTROYING SOME BRIDGE WHICH MAY BE THE LUKOSHI RIVER BRIDGES (ROAD AND RAIL) IN VICINITY OF SAPASA (1027S/2308E). (SEE AIR RECON SECTION BELOW.)

E. DDN NOW ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE 19 HOSTILE COMPANIES IN SHABA, WITH 15 ADDITIONAL COMPANIES ON STANDBY AT CHICAPA (0718S/2031E) ANGOLA. THESE 15 COMPANIES ARE MADE UP OF THE 1400 RECRUITS ASSEMBLED BY THE HOSTILES SINCE THE INVASION.

F. LOCAL 16 MAY PRESS REPORTS THAT ON 14 MAY PRESIDENT MOBUTU INSPECTED SOVIET ARMS AND 3 POW'S SUPPOSEDLY CAPTURED VICINITY OF KASAJI. INCLUDED WERE A MACHINE GUN, EXPLOSIVES, HAND GRENADES, ANTI-TANK ROCKETS AND 60MM MORTAR AMMO.

### 3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. IN THE KAPANGA SUB-SECTOR, THE PUSH AGAINST KAPANGA AND MUSUMBA (0820S/2239E) HAS STILL NOT BEGUN. NO FURTHER WORD ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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STATUS OF THE INFLATABLE BOATS. COL MOLIMBI (FORMERLY OF THE MIKONDO BRIGADE) IS NOW SUB-SECTOR COMMANDER.

B. IN THE SANDOA SUB-SECTOR, THE VUADI BATTALION IS REPORTED BEING AT MAKEHELE (0943S/2329E) AS OF 131515MAY 77. HE HAS SENT ONE PLATOON SOME 12 KMS SOUTH OF KAFAKUMBA TO ACT AS A SCREENING FORCE AGAINST HOSTILE REINFORCEMENT. THE KABANGU BATTALION REMAINS AT KINDA (0918S/2504E). TRUCKS MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS UNIT ARE NOW HAVING FUEL PROBLEMS. THE FAZ AUDITOR-GENERAL BG LIKULIA, WENT TO TSHIPAO (0941S/2344E) ON 14 MAY TO INVESTIGATE A POSSIBLE INCIDENT INVOLVING FAZ AND LOCAL CIVILIANS. NO REPORT YET RECEIVED AT DDN FROM BG LIKULIA.

C. ALONG THE LOLWEZI-DILOLO AXIS, COL IKUKU IS REPORTED TO BE 20 KMS WEST OF KASAJI IN THE VICINITY OF MUKILIPA (1024S/2316E) 131500Z MAY 77. APPARENTLY HE IS ENCOUNTERING LITTLE RESISTANCE.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: THE 1ST DIR HAS MOVED FORWARD FROM KANZENZE TO KASAJI ON 13 MAY.

5. EGYPTIAN FORCES: THE EGYPTIANS ARE NOT TOO HAPPY WITH THE ZAIR-

IAN'S RIGHT NOW. THE MIRAGE PILOTS REMAIN IN KINSHASA; THE MEDICAL DOCTORS IN KOLWEZI WERE TOLD TO RETURN TO KINSHASA; THE MIRAGE MAINTENANCE TEAM AT KAMINA HAS BEEN TOLD THEIR SERVICES ARE NOT NEEDED NOW. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY REASONS FOR THESE ACTIONS.

6. AIR:

A. AIR RECON REPORTS VISUAL SIGHTING OF HOSTILE TRUCKS AT KISENGE (1042S/2311E) ON 13 MAY. TRUCKS SOUGHT TO AVOID DETECTION BY GETTING UNDER COVER.

B. AIR RECON ALSO REPORTS THAT VISUAL OBSERVATION ON 12 MAY OF THE BRIDGES AT SAPASA, OVER THE LUKOSHI RIVER, REVEALED SEVERAL HOLES IN THE SURFACE, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY MINES OR CHARGES. EARLIER LAST WEEK PHOTO COVERAGE SHOWED THE BRIDGES TO BE INTACT.

C. NO TACAIR OR AIRLIFT DATA PROVIDED BY DDN. FOUR FAZA C-130 AIRCRAFT OPERATIONAL.

D. BELGIAN SOURCE REPORTS THAT ONE CESSNA 310 AIRCRAFT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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DESTROYED 12 MAY BY CRASH LANDING IN SHABA (EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN) NOT DUE TO HOSTILE ACTION. ANOTHER 310 RETURNED TO KOLWEZI 11 MAY WITH HEAVY DAMAGE FROM GROUND FIRE.

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7. DOMESTIC PRESS: MEDIA UNUSUALLY VAPID OVER THE WEEKEND.  
"SALONGO" FOR MAY 14TH HEADLINE FOREWARNED, "NEW OBJECTIVES ARE  
ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT ZAIRIAN-MOROCCAN FORCES." STORY WHICH FOL-  
LOWED GAVE NO DETAILS BUT STATED MOBUTU MET WITH ZAIRIAN AND MORO-  
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CCAN COMMANDERS. BOTH PAPERS, "ELIMA" AND "SALONGO" QUOTE ARTICLE  
FROM AN AFRO-ARAB PUBLICATION WHICH SUPPORTS THE GOZ AND ITS ALLIES'  
POLICY IN SHABA. EDITORIALS FOR SATURDAY ARE LITANIES OF  
PRAISES TO THE GUIDE. ON SUNDAY, "SALONGO" EDITORIAL PRAISES THE  
EDITORIALS THAT PRAISED MOBUTU. "ELIMA" WRITES OF A "CHARISMATIC  
LEADER," WHOSE PRESENCE IN SHABA HAS THE SINGULAR EFFECT OF RE-  
VERSING THE TREND OF THE BATTLE. SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
PAPERS RUN STORY ON BELGIAN GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD TO  
THE WAR ZONE. ALONG THAT LINE, THE SOUTH KOREAN CONTRIBUTION OF  
MEDICAL GOODS IS ALSO GIVEN BIG PLAY BUT THE NOTICE IS CONFINED  
TO SATURDAY. MONDAY'S "ELIMA" LEADS OFF WITH A STORY ON CAPTURE OF  
SOVIET ARMS AND 3 POW'S. ONE POW IS SAID TO BE AN ANGOLAN. MOBUTU,  
ACCOMPANIED BY LARGE SUITE, INCLUDING JOURNALISTS, VISITED KASAJI  
AND INSPECTED THE PRISONERS AND QUANTITIES OF CAPTURED WEAPONS.

8. DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL.  
B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL. SNCZ REPORTS BRIDGE OVER  
KAMOA RIVER JUST WEST OF KANZENZE, DESTROYED BY FAZ APRIL 2, NOW  
REPAIRED. TEST TRAIN PASSED OVER BRIDGE THIS WEEKEND. HOWEVER,  
ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS CONTINUE ON LINE BETWEEN KANZENZE AND MUT-  
SHATSHA, SO UNTIL SHEL IS ABLE TO EFFECT REPAIRS ONLY DIESEL-POWERED  
LOCOMOTIVES WILL UTILIZE LINE. DESPITE REPAIR OF TELEPHONE CABLE  
RESTORING SERVICE ALL THE WAY TO MUTSHATSHA, SNCZ STILL HAS NO  
CONTACT ALONG LINE FROM KANZENZE WEST, AS SNCZ AGENTS HAVE NOT  
RETURNED TO STATIONS IN WAKE OF MILITARY ACTION SEVERAL WEEKS AGO  
BETWEEN KANZENZE AND MUTSHATSHA.

C. KAMINA: NO CHANGE.

D. PRESS IN KINSHASA REPORTED SEVERAL MARCHES IN DIFFERENT CITIES DEMONSTRATING POPULAR SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU.

9. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY:

A. THE FIRST LOT OF A SOUTH KOREAN SHIPMENT OF MEDICINES AND OTHER MATERIALS SENT TO ASSIST ZAIRE IN REPULSING THE INVASION OF SHABA WAS RECEIVED IN KINSHASA. THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT WHEN THE SHIPMENT ARRIVED DES-  
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CRIBED IT AS A SIGN OF THE BROTHERHOOD AND FRIENDSHIP THE KOREAN PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS FELT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE. A SECOND SHIPMENT IS EXPECTED SOON.

B. ON MAY 13, MOBUTU HAD A BRIEF AFTERNOON MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, JEAN ROBERT ZANA. ZANA PRESENTED A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM BOKASSA TO MOBUTU, RE-AFFIRMED THE CAE'S DECISION TO AID ZAIRE IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST RUSSIAN/CUBAN SPONSORED AGRESSION AND REVEALED A BATTALION OF CAE TROOPS STOOD AT THE DISPOSAL OF MOBUTU.

C. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 13, MAMA MOBUTU MET IN KILWEZI WITH MME DEMOORE, THE WIFE OF THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR. MME DEMOORE WAS IN KOLWEZI TO PRESENT A LARGE QUANTITY OF FOOD SENT BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE "RECENTLY LIBERATED" PEOPLE OF KAYEMBE, MUTSHATSHA AND KASAJI.

10. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: STILL NO REPORTED CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS IN OCCUPIED AREAS.  
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